

Community News

Ready to rodeo?

JSC workers check ropes, cowboy hats for trail ride

By Leslie Eaton

It's time for JSC employees to dust off their 10-gallon hats and put a shine on their space-age spurs when the center's Rodeo Activities Planning Committee will sponsor a variety of activities throughout the rodeo season.

The season kicks-off Friday, Jan. 30, with the first Dress Western Day. Entertainment will begin at 11 a.m. at the Bldg. 3 cafeteria with singing cowgirls and a line-dancing exhibition. Outside the cafeteria will be a demonstration by trick ropers and a paint horse.

The Child Care Center will have rodeo clowns with balloons, a paint horse and a small-animal demonstration to entertain the children.

Events continue Friday, Feb. 6, in the Bldg. 3 cafeteria with a singing cowboy and line-dancing demonstration. Trick ropers also will perform outside the cafeteria from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

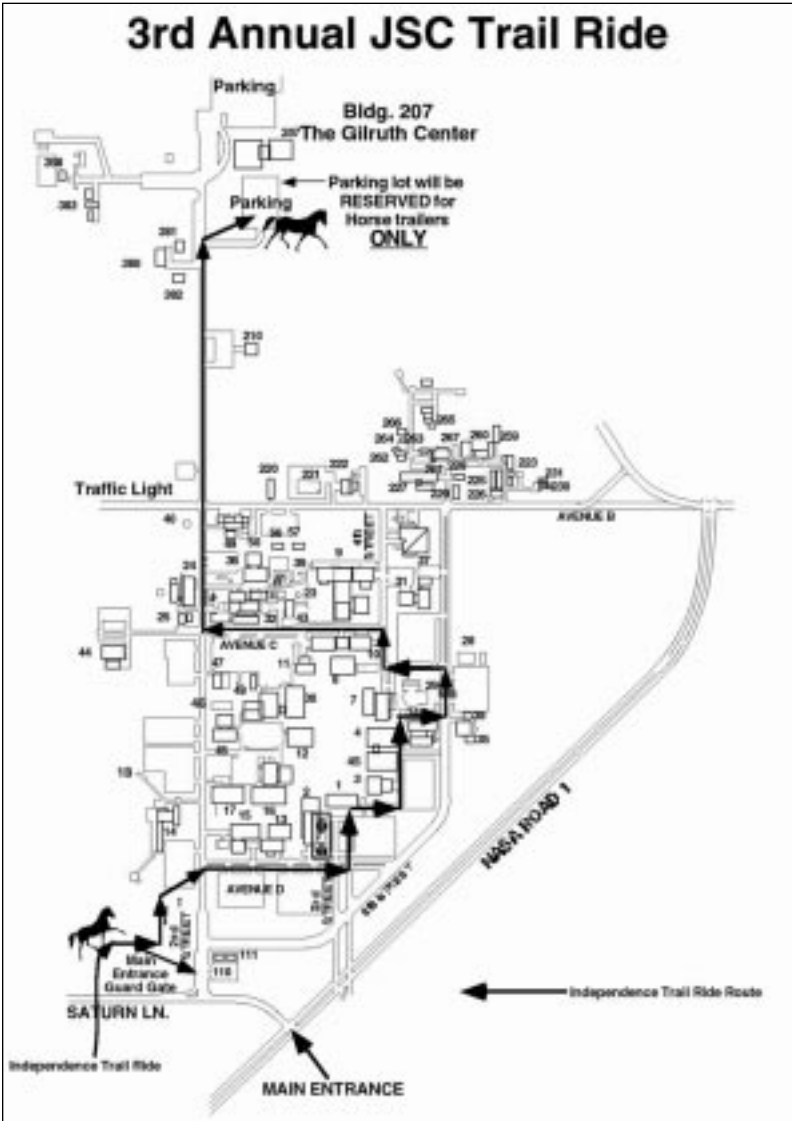
The month-long festivities will culminate with the arrival of the Texas Independence Trail Riders at 3 p.m. Feb. 10.

The trail riders will enter through

the Space Center Houston tram underpass by the Longhorn Project pasture and will be met by the JSC Circle Riders. They will continue the trail ride through the center, stopping at the Gilruth Center. The Texas Independence Trail Riders will set up camp in the wooded area around the pavilion. About 150 horses and riders and 10 to 15 wagons will ride through the center and spend the night at the Gilruth Center before continuing on to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

The JSC Circle Riders will stop and visit the child care center and allow the children to see the horses. The Child Care Center will welcome the JSC Circle Riders with a chili cook-off after the trail ride.

The NASA/Clear Creek/Friendswood Go Texan committee will host a dinner dance at 7 p.m. Feb. 10. at the Gilruth Center ballroom. Tickets are \$15 for a steak dinner, refreshments and entertainment. About 150 tickets will be available for the dinner-dance. Proceeds will go to the scholarship program of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.



Lockheed's SEAT reaches safety mark

Lockheed Martin's Science, Engineering, Analysis and Test program reached a significant safety milestone in October by passing the 2 million labor hour mark without experiencing a single lost-time work-related injury or illness. This figure equates to 100 employees working 2,000 hours a year for 10 years without an injury.

In an awards ceremony held to honor the achievement, Lockheed Martin Space Mission Systems and Services President Jay Honeycutt commended the 2,200 employees who work on the SEAT program, citing their dedication to the company's high standards of quality and safety. "Your continued pursuit of excellence is evident in countless ways, and this is one of them," Honeycutt said. "This outstanding safety record sets the standard and provides a challenge for the rest of the company to meet."

Under contract to NASA, the SEAT program provides science and engineering services in support of space, earth, and life sciences at JSC. This includes operation of major laboratories to include testing spacecraft structures, payloads, and components in simulated mission environments. Additional services range from science definition to crew member training to ground assistance of astronauts in flight.

Lockheed Martin has modeled its safety program after the OSHA Voluntary Protection Program, which is the standard to which NASA adheres.

"Safety of our employees is our number one priority," Ken Reightler, SEAT vice president and program manager, said at the awards ceremony. He noted that by setting goals above OSHA standards, the SEAT program has implemented a successful multi-level approach to safety that includes "all hands" participation, safety training and awareness programs, hazard abatement and control, and surveillance and inspection.

"Our safety and product assurance department is to be commended for their aggressive approach to safety, and the entire work force is to be commended for their unwavering dedication to this goal," Reightler said.



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| Tuesday, Feb. 10 | JSC Dress Western Day Trail Ride Day 2 p.m. Texas Independence Trail Riders 7 p.m. Dinner/Dance at Gilruth Ballroom Steak dinner by Crazy Cajun Steakhouse |
| Friday, Feb. 13 | JSC Dress Western Day |
| Friday, Feb. 20 | JSC Dress Western Day |
| Friday, Feb. 27 | JSC Dress Western Day |

JSC Safety Alert

Protect Yourself During Adverse Weather

What happened

Stormy weather, with heavy rainfall and high winds, creates several conditions in which JSC employees should exercise greater caution. For example, during such storms, broken tree limbs can obstruct walkways; sidewalks and parking lot surfaces become slick; and debris from high winds, such as pea gravel from roads and the tops of some buildings, can cause damage. Close-call reports received by the Occupational Safety Office illustrate that greater caution should be exercised during these conditions.

What being done

The Plant Engineering Division has an ongoing program to trim low-hanging tree limbs and branches and to clear broken limbs along sidewalks following storms. Many sidewalks at JSC are of the pea-gravel type, which become slick during wet conditions. PED repairs these as they are reported to reduce any tripping hazards. PED also corrects low-area sidewalks that collect water during rains. Most painted areas of parking lots, crosswalks, and loading docks use non-skid type paint. Most buildings in the mall area have built-up roofs with gravel as a ballast. The JSC roofs have been inspected by PED and meet national standards. However, gravel may be blown from the tops of buildings during storms when the winds approach 70 miles-per-hour or more. Blowing gravel could be encountered around buildings any time very strong winds are present.

What you can do

Be alert when walking with an open umbrella in the rain(your field of vision is smaller, and in rainy conditions visibility is lower for both pedestrians and drivers. Avoid running on slick surfaces during rainy weather. Always be aware of low branches, especially during windy or stormy conditions. If you're in one of the mall buildings, stay inside or exit only upwind. Avoid being downwind outside of these buildings during high winds. Make sure your insurance will cover property damage, including storm-caused damages, to your vehicle. For more information, contact John Stanford/NA3 at x31347.

Station training facility team earns recognition

A team of employees from USA, GB Tech and Hughes Training Inc., recently received recognition for their efforts in providing support for the timely assembly of the Space Station Training Facility.

The space station training simulator is located in Bldg. 5 South with links to Bldg. 30. It is initially being used to train astronauts for International Space Station assembly flights, the first of which is scheduled for this year.

To successfully complete this project, Hughes Training tapped the expertise in this area that was readily available at USA.

"The space station training support personnel played a major role in the completion of engineering and assembly of the International Space Station simulator," said Bill Wolfe, site manager of Hughes Training.

"Two significant steps were the initial installation of simulator enclosures using structural aluminum panels and the use of a new installation process, the product change order, to manage the work.

"Many problems surfaced during

the construction effort and, to a large extent, were resolved by the determined and persistent efforts of the support personnel. Their diligence helped Hughes Training meet its delivery schedule, while producing a quality product and a cost avoidance of approximately \$100,000."

"I'd like to add my congratulations to the USA team supporting Hughes Training in the space station training facility buildup," said Zack Crow, director, training facilities maintenance and operations for USA.

"I continue to receive positive reports from Cindy Hendershot, operations manager for Hughes, on the innovation and dedication shown by the entire crew.

"There has been a lot of hard work expended getting the facility to where it is today, and a great deal of the credit goes to you and the efforts you have made."

The SSTF has been in the development phase for seven years. It will be incrementally built up to mirror the buildup of the International Space Station on orbit. Training in the new facility began in September.